

**City of Aberdeen Council Meeting  
November 25, 2013**

**Present:** Mayor Bennett, Councilwoman Elliott, Councilwoman Landbeck,  
Councilman Garner, and Councilwoman Young

**Absent:** None

**Also Present:** Douglas Miller, City Manager  
Phyllis Grover, Director of Planning and Community Development  
Matthew Lapinsky, Director of Public Works  
Henry Trabert, Chief of Police  
Opiribo Jack, Director of Finance  
Monica Correll, City Clerk  
Doris Manner, Recording Secretary

Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The prayer was led by Pastor Ben Cordle, Bible Baptist Church and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Garner.

A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilwoman Young to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2013, Council Meeting, the October 30, 2013 Council Emergency Meeting, the November 4, 2013 Business Meeting/Work Session, and the November 18, 2013 Business Meeting/Work Session. **The motion passed with a vote of 5 – yes, 0 – no.**

**PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Proclamation in Recognition of Municipal Government Works Month  
Mayor Bennett read the proclamation in recognition of Municipal Government Works Month and noted that the City of Aberdeen was established in 1892.
2. Kaufman Cancer Center Update – Lyle Sheldon, President, Upper Chesapeake Health  
Mr. Lyle Sheldon, President, Upper Chesapeake Health gave a presentation on the new Kaufman Cancer Center located in Bel Air, Maryland.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Ms Marianna Skowronski, Director, Historical Society of Harford County, Bel Air, Maryland: Ms. Skowronski updated the Council on the Aberdeen B&O Train Station. She said that a contract had been signed and a retainer paid toward moving the Station. The foundation and labor were being donated and they planned to break ground on the foundation between December 5<sup>th</sup> and the 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The Station move is scheduled to occur by the end of the year.

**LEGISLATIVE SESSION:**

1. Ordinance No. 13-O-08, Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement (For Adoption)

Mayor Bennett read Ordinance No. 13-O-08. A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilwoman Young to approve Ordinance No. 13-O-08, Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement.

**The motion was passed with a vote of 5 – yes, 0 – no.**

2. Ordinance No. 13-O-09, Transit Oriented Development (For Introduction)

Mayor Bennett introduced Ordinance No. 13-O-09, Transit Oriented Development.

3. Resolution No. 13-R-13, Enterprise Zone for Aldi’s Grocery Store (For Introduction and Adoption)

Mayor Bennett introduced Resolution No. 13-R-13, Enterprise Zone for Aldi’s Grocery Store. Ms. Grover that the request was for a real property tax credit and the Aberdeen Economic Development Committee gave a favorable recommendation.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilwoman Elliott to approve Resolution No. 13-R-13, Enterprise Zone for Aldi’s Grocery Store.

**The motion was passed with a vote of 5 – yes, 0 – no.**

**BUSINESS OF THE CITY:**

1. Unfinished Business

- a. Ethics Commission Appointments

Mayor Bennett presented the following Ethics Commission nominees: Dr. Nancy Backus, Donald Collier, Sr., Glenn Gillis (Chair), Judy Hinch, and Paul Kertis.

A motion was made by Mayor Bennett and seconded by Councilman Garner to approve Dr. Nancy Backus; Donald Collier, Sr.; Glenn Gillis(Chair); Judy Hinch; and Paul Kertis to the Ethics Commission for 3 year terms.

**The motion was passed with a vote of 5 – yes, 0 – no.**

2. New Business – None.

3. Business from the Director of Planning and Community Development – None.

4. Business from the Chief of Police

Chief Trabert announced the Police Department activities for the holidays.

5. Business from the Director of Finance

Mr. Jack reported that the auditors were scheduled for next week.

6. Business from the Director of Public Works

- a. Surplus Vehicles: #36 Backhoe; 2000 SSI Sludge Mixer; 2005 Kawasaki Mule; 18ft. Aluminum John Boat with Trailer.

A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilwoman Landbeck to declare the following items surplus: #36, 2000 Ford 675E Backhoe; 2000 SSI Sludge Mixer; 2005 Kawasaki Mule; and an 18ft. Aluminum John Boat with Trailer.

**The motion was passed with a vote of 5 – yes, 0 – no.**

7. Business from the City Manager

Mr. Miller announced the cancellation the Work Session scheduled for December 2, 2013. He reported that the recycling facility used by the City has asked that citizens refrain from using plastic bags for dispensing of recyclables. The citizen survey on recreational vehicles would be mailed before Christmas.

**BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL:**

1. Business from the City Council

The Council conveyed holiday wishes and discussed their activities and upcoming community events.

2. Business from the Mayor

Mayor Bennett encouraged everyone to attend the Christmas Street events and parade. He announced the new addition of the German Christmas Market.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Next Council Meeting: Monday, December 9, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. followed by cookie reception.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Elliott and seconded by Councilman Garner to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.